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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: TALKING POINTS FOR NYERERE AND DRAFT
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON WALVIS BAY

REF: A) USUN 2747; B) USUN 2748

1. DEPARTMENT FINDS DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR APPROACH
TO NYERERE ACCEPTABLE WITH FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A) WE BELIEVE THAT FORMULATION IN PARA 5 REGARDING
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UN FORCE AND SOUTH AFRICAN TROOP
PRESENCE IN WAKE OF CASSINGA RAID IS PERHAPS TOO SUBTLE
TO PASS ON THE MESSAGE WE WANT TO BE CONVEYED.
ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD SUGGEST THE ADDITION OF THE PHRASE
"BY INCREASING THE SIZE OF THE UN TROOP PRESENCE, AT THE
END OF THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 5.

B) UPON REFLECTION, WE BELIEVE THAT THE WORDS
"THE EXISTING SOUTH AFRICAN BASE" SHOULD BE DROPPED FROM
FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 6. OUR REASON FOR THIS CHANGE IS
THAT EXISTING LANGUAGE COULD BE SEEN AS INDICATION THAT
CONTACT GROUP INTENDS TO PUSH SOUTH AFRICANS OUT OF

GROOTFONTEIN IN SOME UNSPECIFIED MANNER OR PUT
ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF THE BASE.

2. DEPARTMENT CAN ACCEPT ADDITION OF WORD
"SIGNIFICANT" IN SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA 7. IN SAME
PARA, WE BELIEVE THAT TWO BRACKETED FORMULATIONS SHOULD
BE RETAINED.

3. IN VIEW OF TIMING CONSIDERATIONS DISCUSSED PARA 3
REF B, WE BELIEVE THAT CONTACT GROUP AMBASSADORS IN
DAR ES SALAAM SHOULD BE GIVEN DISCRETIONARY INSTRUCTIONS
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TO OFFER GROOTFONTEIN-ONLY FALLBACK IN EVENT THAT
NYERERE'S REACTION TO TALKING POINTS IS NEGATIVE.

4. DRAFT RESOLUTION ON WALVIS BAY (PARA 4 REF A) IS
ACCEPTABLE TO DEPARTMENT. MISSION MAY WISH TO SUGGEST
TO OTHER CONTACT GROUP MEMBERS THAT OUR STATEMENTS IN
SECURITY COUNCIL IN CONNECTION WITH ADOPTION OF THIS
RESOLUTION WILL BE OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE IN ENSURING
THAT OUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION DOES NOT
RESULT IN SAG REJECTION OF OUR PROPOSAL.

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